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SUBJECT: BLACK AMERICAN DELEGATION TOUR OF ARAB COUNTRIES

REF: A) KUWAIT 1779 (NOTAL), B) TRIPOLI 454 (NOTAL)

1. DURING APRIL 11 CALL, FONMIN LARAKI READ TO ME PRESS DISPATCHES
FROM ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE ON THE VISIT OF A BLACK AMERICAN
DELEGATION TO ALGIERS.

2. LARAKI WAS AGITATED ABOUT THE GROUP'S REPORTED ANTI-MOROCCAN
DECLARATION, AND DEPRECATED ITS ONE-SIDED APPROACH TO THE SAHARA
QUESTION. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT (A) OFFICIAL
AMERICANS MEETING THE "SO-CALLED" FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER OF
THE SAHRAOUI DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC, WHICH US DOES NOT
RECOGNIZE, (B) THE UNSUBSTANTIATED ACCOUNTS OF MOROCCAN GENOCIDE
IN THE SAHARA AND THE CONNECTION MADE BY THE GROUP'S SPOKESPERSON
(HANNAH ATKINS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE) TO PRESIDENT
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CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, AND (C) THE GROUP'S REPORTED
PROMISE TO SPREAD SAHARAN PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT THE US. LARAKI
SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE GROUP TO COME HERE AND VISIT
THE SAHARA, "SO IT COULD SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN."

3. I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE DELEGATION,
AND NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF STATE LEGISLATURES DID NOT NECESSARILY

REFLECT OFFICIAL USG POLICY, AND THAT, AS HE WELL KNEW FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN THE US, NATIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS PUBLICLY QUITE INDEPENDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT, MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT. HE ASKED THAT THE FOREGOING BE SENT TO THE USG AND SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT THE GOM'S VIEWS ON THE DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES AS THEY CONCERN MOROCCO.

4. REGARDING INVITATION TO DELEGATION TO VISIT MOROCCO, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB IN WASHINGTON WOULD APPROACH THE INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA IF HIS FURTHER SOUNDINGS ON THE DELEGATION'S IMPORTANCE INDICATED THE INVITATION WOULD BE WARRANTED. IF BOUTALEB DECIDES TO MOVE, HE WILL ASK ESCUDERO IN NEA/AFN FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER AND OTHER DETAILS.
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